(Divisional of 09/580,294) Preliminary Amendment dated October 21, 2003

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination of the claims on the merits.

The specification has been amended to claim priority of Serial No. 09/580,294 of which this is a divisional application.

Claims 1-16 have been canceled in this application and claims 17-21 have been added. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the application and original claims, but particularly from page 8, lines 3-6, page 12, lines 8-16, and to page 24, lines 10-12. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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